

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 7, 2020

Holy Trinity Sunday



GATHERING SONG – “Little Prelude in G” ...Herman Schoeder

READING - Genesis 1:1-2:4

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

WELCOME THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Camp

GOSPEL – Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton – Presiding Bishop of ELCA

**SPECIAL MUSIC – “Celtic Laud” ... Craig Courtney
Sung by Rebecca Stump (Susan Frickert's daughter)**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS

Gathered into the mystery of the Trinity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, and deacons as they lead the church in these trying times. With all the baptized, may they be strengthened to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and in prayer and action, strive for peace and justice in all the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Instill in us a deeper wonder for the created world you've called good, and a greater humility for our place within it. Kindle in us a creative and resilient spirit as we care for the earth and its creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage leaders to seek wisdom and respond with courage and compassion to those most in need. We pray for community leaders in this time of unrest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, you created us in your image; we are your beloved children. May we recognize your likeness in one another. We pray for all mourning the death of your beloved child, George Floyd. Hold in your loving embrace all experiencing trauma, fear, uncertainty, and loss. Protect vulnerable children and adults from violence or neglect;

provide what is needed for those lacking access to food, shelter, and other services. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, you accompany us in sickness and suffering. Bring relief to all afflicted with the coronavirus and all those isolated now more than ever, especially those in prison or care facilities. Strengthen caregivers, health workers, and all whose work ensures the safety and wellbeing of others. Console, heal, and nourish all in need this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of connection, you call us to make your presence known. Accompany people of faith as they nurture relationships in new ways. Where the sin of racism fractures our relationships, bring repentance and reconciliation. Free us for the difficult work ahead in our congregations and communities. Open our hearts for attentive listening so that our places of connection are filled with your Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives especially, Susan Behler. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, spoken and silent,
as well as the words for prayer that Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Praise Song – “Shout to the Lord” (White Songbook #5)

Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by
Darlene Zschech

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 76$

B \flat F Gm F

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none _ like _ You:

4 **E \flat** B \flat /D **E \flat** B \flat /F Gm

_ All of my days _ I want to praise _ the won - ders of Your

7 **A \flat** E \flat /G **F^{sus}** F **E \flat /F** B \flat F

might - y love. _ My com - fort, my shel - ter,

11 Gm F **E \flat** B \flat /D **E \flat** B \flat /F

tow - er of ref - uge and strength; _ Let ev - 'ry breath, _ all that I am, .

CHORUS

14 Gm **A \flat** E \flat /G **F^{sus}** F **B \flat** Gm

_ nev - er cease to wor - ship You. _ Shout to the Lord, _ all the earth, .

18 **E \flat** E \flat /F F B \flat Gm **E \flat** **F^{sus}** F

_ let us sing. _ Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise _ to the King. _

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”...setting by Flor Peeters

Look at the exciting news from ULC!

Check out **previous worship services** or **Wednesday** devotions by going to our website: www.ulclv.org. Click on the blue button “Click here for Virtual Worship”.



Today, we welcome Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to our worship service. She is the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop Eaton is sharing this message with all of the congregations in the ELCA.

The ELCA website lists Eaton’s four emphases for the ELCA as:

We are church;

We are Lutheran;

We are church together;

We are church for the sake of the world.

These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is.

To learn more about our Bishop, please click:

<https://www.elca.org/About/Leadership/Churchwide-Officers/Presiding-Bishop>

PASSAGE for High School Seniors – The ELCA's new endeavor, PASSAGE connects recently graduated high school students from across the country with one another and young adult small group leaders. The communities formed through PASSAGE will be centered on mutual support and wrestling with faith and life in times of transition. You can [register here](#) until Sunday, June 7th. If you have questions, please contact the team via email: elcapassage@gmail.com.

Baccalaureate worship service will be posted on the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA Facebook page today at 1:00 p.m. It will be available for one week after posting and feature multiple high school and college graduates in our synod, a sermon from one of our YoYoFa co-conveners, and greetings and blessings from Bishop Zeiser. Please share this upcoming worship celebration with your graduates.



VBS 2020 - Let's spread out the VBS fun and learning throughout the summer. Each Wednesday, for 5 weeks, (July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5), we will unveil one of our action-packed VBS days. All you need to do is click on the link that we email to you and your kids will see their ULC friends and learn the lesson, sing along with the music, and of course dance with "**Pharaoh Pharaoh!**"

Parents - be sure that your kids don't miss out. Why not send an email to office@ulclv.org and let us know what email address to send your child(ren)'s VBS fun.

Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, Neighbors – think of the kids in your life. We would be happy to send our VBS love to them as well....send us their name and email address to office@ulclv.org!

Lil Pantry – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

Urgent needs are: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, crackers, rice, beans, syrup, pancake mix, and toilet paper, but all donations are appreciated and useful!

Clothing bins in our parking lot are closed again. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will let you know as soon as they are reopened by the collection company.

Helping the Homeless in Allentown – Last week, Patty Hersh delivered a car full of donations. Let's do it again – here's how.....The Social Ministry Committee would like

your support with helping the homeless during this COVID crisis. The 2 programs we would like to support are Ripple Community, Inc. and OATH (Operation Address the Homeless). Here is how you can help - They are in need of the following items:

- All camping supplies - these do not need to be new but in decent shape
- Small women's clothing - also not new
- Plastic, wood or compostable forks, Toilet Paper
- Quarters for Laundry, Lysol spray, Clorox wipes
- Reusable Rain Ponchos, Small umbrellas
- Individually wrapped/non-perishable food items: applesauce, fruit cups, granola bars, cookies, snack bags of chips and pretzels, fruit snacks, trail mix
- Apples, Oranges, Juice Boxes, Travel size small toiletries
- Gift Cards (WaWa or Grocery Stores)

If you are able to help with this project you can bring the items to my front porch, Jim and Patty Hersh, @ 3623 McIntosh Drive in Orefield and I will make sure they are taken into Allentown where they will be distributed.

Keeping in our prayers:

Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Lynn Fermato, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Judy Gifford, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Royal Olson, David Schneck, Barbara Spohn, Jeffrey Trapp.

Jack Krisko; he had skin cancer removed from his nose.

Robert Behler & Family - Susan passed away last week;

Ed Razzis is home following a second hospitalization. He will be receiving cancer treatment;

Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin of St. John's, Whitehall – dealing with Covid 19;

Tracy McGowan is recovering from Covid 19;

Madison Williams is recovering at home from Covid19;

Michael Sechler, Patti Hoffman's brother, is recovering from Covid19;

Leonard Dymond, relative of Steve and Tammy Dymond, continues his recovery time from Covid19 in Colorado;

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We join all of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District in praying for the congregation of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and their Pastor James W. Schlegel.

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns.



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